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IN THE MATTER OF 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW -- AMENDMENT OF
AMATEUR SERVICE RULES FCC WT DOCKET 98-143

My comments and complaint go back to the 1950-51 era when many duly licensed Class A Amateurs were discriminated against solely on age and length of licensing status

As I recall, many who were not even Class A licensed were promoted to Extra Class on basis of age and number of years licensed!

Those with absolutely valid Class A licenses were in effect demoted to a lesser status if they did not meet the age and time status!

To the best of my knowledge no provision was ever made to automatically upgrade those who had been left behind in 1951

By general standards since established and in force today, those actions or inactions would be termed DISCRIMINATORY!

I am speaking only for myself since I do not know how many other Class A Licensees of that period, who were deprived of their privileges, may still be living

I received my First Class Commercial Radiotelephone License in 1937 and my Amateur Class A in 1939

I am sure they will deny it now, but in the 1950's the American Radio Relay League had a "Vendetta" against certain Class A Amateurs, perhaps for good reason, but it worked against many of the innocent

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At one point during the 1950's overhaul there was intent to make the Class A operators who did not fit the age and time requirement to be demoted to General Class!

There was quite an outcry and so as an afterthought Advanced Class was added

I believe you should find all of the above to be factual and a part of FCC Records, but it will surely be denied by the American Radio Relay League

At my age (81) and years licenced (Almost 60) also considering my accomplishments in communications, it really matters little to me what you do but this seemed to be the appropriate time to remind you of the inequities of long ago!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel H. Beverage".

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